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Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Pine, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Chrizen Gamayo and I am a senior at Waipahu High School. As a student, I have seen many peers use their mobile electronic device while crossing the street along Farrington Highway. My Peer Education classmates and I conducted a campaign, in which we collected data on student's pedestrian behavior. Because we were collecting data and observing students, it was very eye opening to see the potential dangers and risk of being a distracted pedestrian. Fortunately, there have not been any accidents, but it may happen without the support of Bill 6 (2017).

Using a cellphone while crossing the street is just as dangerous as using a cellphone while driving. It presents dangers, such as being hit by a car, to both the distracted pedestrian and others around. I have seen many students focused on their cellphones, they forget to look up at the crossing sign or they do not realize they are crossing the street.

As society becomes increasingly attached to cellphones, it may be difficult to realize that texting or using a cellphone while crossing the street is a dangerous pedestrian behavior. However, with the support of Bill 6 (2017), it ensures the safety of pedestrians. Bill 6 (2017) builds awareness and educates others, creating a safer environment for everyone on the road. It pushes us to take basic precautions, such as being alert and mindful of our surroundings, to minimize our chances of being a victim.